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Marysville detectives seek new clues in unsolved 1998 homicide case

MARYSVILLE - It's been nearly three years since Jennifer Brinkman, a friendly, outgoing 19-year-old who enjoyed regular walks to local stores, was murdered in her home in what today is Marysville's only active homicide case; her killer remains at large.

Marysville police are stepping up their efforts on the third anniversary of Jennifer Brinkman's death, believing someone has information to share that could help them turn the corner in solving this mystifying case.

"We've had plenty of leads to work with and are doing everything we can think of to identify her killer, but we haven't received any new information lately that will help us close the case," Detective Stiles says. "That's what we're looking for now, and we share her family's wishes to see that a suspect is identified and brought to justice."

Jennifer Brinkman was found dead in her home in the 1900 block of Grove Street on March 21, 1998 when her father returned from a vacation in California, Stiles says. There were no signs of forced entry into the home, and evidence found inside suggested that a struggle took place prior to her death.

An autopsy conducted March 24 by the Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office revealed that the woman died as a result of homicidal violence stemming from "chop wounds to the neck."

Jennifer Brinkman was known around the neighborhood for taking daily walks to various stores and businesses located a few blocks west of her home. She was described as friendly, outgoing and would often stop and talk with people she met while on her walks, including strangers to her.

Jennifer Brinkman was last seen in public on March 16 when she visited the 7-Eleven store at Grove and State Avenue.

She also had friends and family in the Bothell, Kirkland and Bellevue areas, and spent time in these vicinities, Stiles says.

Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound will pay up to \$1,000 cash for information leading to the arrest and filing of charges in the Jennifer Brinkman case, and her father is also posting reward money in her name. Crime Stoppers is also printing some 150 posters that will be circulated in the area to renew interest in the case.

Anyone with information regarding the crime is asked to please contact the Marysville Police Department Investigations Division or Detective Stiles at (360) 651-5060.

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(NOTE: A file photo of Jennifer Brinkman is available via e-mail. To receive a copy via e-mail call Community Information Officer Doug Buell at 360-651-5021 or e-mail dbuell@ci.marysville.wa.us. If necessary, select the desired graphics format in Mac or PC format.)